Moses: leader of liberation

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Lesson for September 21, 1980
Scripture References: Exodus 2:23-3:14; 19:1-9
Focal Passages: Exodus 19:1-8
The People In Bondage [Ex 2:23-25]

God has always raised up special people to become leaders in times of great need. Last week we looked at Abraham's role in the initial covenant promises. The biblical narrative reveals that Abraham never made it to the "Promised Land." Only after years of struggle and hardship would the Lord's people enter the "land flowing with milk and honey." These weary pilgrims would face trials that would call forth their strongest faith. We moderns know, too, that dreams and goals do not often become reality without intense struggle and deep commitment.

The Bible and daily living

The reader will recall the famines and hard times the early Hebrew people fell upon. Abraham's descendants left Canaan to settle in a foreign land as guests of the pharoah. Things seemed to be going well for the Hebrews when a new pharoah entered the political scene and forced them into slave labor. This he did because he believed that the Hebrews were a threat to his position. He even sought to exterminate them by putting every male child to death. This cruel and harsh brutality was later to be repeated thousands of years later with the rize of Hitler!

The people moaned and cried under the heavy load they carried and lived with, and God heard their cries and came to their aid with a plan for deliverance. The story of the Hebrew escape from Egyptian slavery has become a classic epic in history.

The People Delivered [Ex. 3:1-14]

One of the great Bible stories we have grown up with is the story of how Moses escaped death when his mother hid him in some bullrushes, and how he was later found and adopted into the ruling family. He later had to flee the country because he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave.

Moses' pilgrimage took him to a mountain where a very significant life changing event took place. At the mountain of Horeb, Moses encountered face to face "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." In the burning bush experience Moses was confronted with a tremendous task to lead the enslaved people out of Egypt and into the new land that God had promised Abraham many years before.

Moses was feeling a little picked on in this instance, for he had no notion that he could effectively carry out the assigned task of leading the Hebrews safely out of Egypt. But God's promise to Moses was this: "Certainly I will be with you." It is a good feeling to set out upon a risky journey and knowing that God is both behind and before you!

The Committed People [Ex. 19:1-8]

Of course, we know the rest of the story of how the people made the spectacular escape from pharoah's army. Once safely away from the threat of the pharoah, Moses took the people to the same mountain where he had earlier received his commission. At this place the people of God entered into a binding covenant with him for ever.

In the great escape from Egypt the Lord proved to his people both his power and his love. It was an unmistakable revelation of his commitment to make good his earlier covenant promises to Abraham. At the mountain God told his people that if they would obey his voice and keep the covenant, then they would remain as a special treasure to him. What could be any more affirming?

Moses was a man "sent from God." He was divinely chosen at the right point in time to accomplish God's plan for the Hebrews. We may say that we, too, are sent from God. Every time we perform some ministry to a needy person in the name of Christ, we are sent from God.

We are God's treasure. We are important to him. He is our God and we are his people.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

TWO ACHS SENIOR FFA members were elected to offices in the Hub Federation of FFA during the annual fall meeting. Roger Walton (left) was elected Federation Treasurer and Richard Jones was elected to the office of Federation Vice-President. Both members are also officers in the Senior FFA chapter. The Hub Federation of FFA is made up of all FFA chapters in Appomattox, Amherst and Campbell counties.

Don't be 'Worry-Wart'

By REV. CLARENCE H. DAVIS, PASTOR
New Hope Baptist Church

There is an old maxim that goes like this, "Anything worthwhile bears repeating." Sometime ago, I preached a sermon to my congregation entitled, "How Not To Be a Worry-Wart." The seven "Rules of Thumb" are as follows:

1. Do not think about things that may not happen. Keep your mind on positive thoughts.

2. Take life an hour at a time-a day at a time. Plan ahead, but live today.

3. Do not borrow trouble from the future. Jesus Himself said, "Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6:34b.

4. Analyze what it is that is causing you to worry. Write it out on paper.

5. Ask yourself if there is anything you can do to remove the worry from your mind.

6. Then remove the worry from your mind if you possibly can.

The above "Rules of Thumb" will help you and me if we will apply them in our lives as needed. Remember Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

VICA club names officers

By JAMES ZIMMERMAN

The Appomattox County VICA Club held its first meeting of the school year on September 3.

The main order of business was the installation of the new VICA officers for the 80-81 school year.

The officers are as follows: president; Jean Thomas; vice-president, Johnny McFadden; secretary, Sherry Overton; treasurer, Brian Webber; reporter, James Zimmerman; parliamentarian, Matt Ranson; chaplain, Donna Rhodenizer.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Mr. R. B. Carter, director of vocational education for Appomattox County who helped with the installation of the new VICA officers.

Ferguson, ass't coach at UVA

Richard M. Ferguson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Murrell Ferguson of Appomattox, Virginia is now a graduate student and assistant Track coach at the University of Virginia. He will be working on his masters degree in psychology.

Ferguson was a 1976 graduate of Appomattox High School and a 1980 Cum Laude graduate of James Madison University where he also excelled in track.

Adult education classes underway

The Adult Education program for first semester for the most part got underway this week in the Appomattox County School Division.

"Adults who have not registered and who desire to take a class may still enroll in any of the classes offered this semester. Classes for adults are taught on an individualized basis and adults will not be at any disadvantages by enrolling now," states R. B. Carter, Adult Education Coordinator.

In several classes additional enrollment is needed if the class is to continue.

The Appomattox County School Board reserves the right to cancel classes where enrollment is less than ten persons. A variety of classes for adults are being offered and adults are urged to take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the Adult Education Program.

Classes that are starting now include typing, upholstery, GED Review, Adult Basic, Art, Sewing, Bricklaying, Auto Mechanics, and Woodworking.

Persons desiring to enroll in a class or who want information concerning adult education classes may call 352-8253 between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00.

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FBLA skit presented

An overview of the 1980-81 program of work was presented in skit form to the Appomattox Chapter Future Business Leaders of America on September 3.

The skit revealed the following monthly programs: October - fashion show; November - panel discussion involving local secretaries; December - Christmas program for the TMR students; January - Job Interview; February - March of Dimes; March - COE slides; April - campaign speeches for 1981-1982; May - installation ceremony.

Also, a 5-minuth humorous skit, starring Robert Coleman, was presented for side-splitting entertainment.

Jane Almond, chapter president, announced that chapter dues must be paid to Mrs. Cook by September 19.

AES plans visitation

Charles T. Bowmann, principal of Appomattox County Elementary School, has designated Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as a time when students' parents can visit with the school principal.

"We realize that working parents very seldom have time to visit their child's school, review his or her records and become familiar with our expanding curriculum and services," says Bowmann.

"Therefore, we are designating this period each Tuesday evening as a time when parents can visit with their children's principal."

Bowmann says parents can make appointments for 15-minute audiences by calling the school at 352-7463.

"We encourage all parents who have restricted schedules to use this service, which began Tuesday, Sept. 16," Bowmann says.

McCraw receives deploma

Perry D. McCraw of Appomattox has been awarded a Diploma in Life Insurance Marketing by the Life Underwriter Training Council.

McCraw, Advisor of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau, represents the Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

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New Hope slates homecoming

The Rev. Marvin E. Jacobs

Rev. Marvin E. Jacobs, former pastor of New Hope from 1959-66, will bring the morning message this coming Sunday, September 21, for Homecoming Day at New Hope Baptist Church.

Upon leaving New Hope in 1966, Rev. Jacobs pastored the Crystal Hill Baptist Church in Crystal Hill for two years. He then pastored the State Line Baptist Church in Danville for two years.

Rev. Jacobs became the pastor of Waverly Place Baptist Church in Roanoke in 1970, the position he still holds. Since being in Roanoke, he has served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, the Falon Park Community Education Center, and the Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

He has also been active in the denominational work of Virginia Baptists. Rev. Jacobs is married to the former Mary Frances Plunkett of Roanoke. They have two daughters-Regina, a sophomore at Bluefield College, and Libby, who is in the 11th grade in high school. Dinner-on-the-grounds will be served following the morning worship service.

At 2:00 p.m., "The Sounds of Hope," a group of ten young adults from New Hope Church, will present a 45-minute program of music in the church sanctuary. Former members and friends of New Hope are cordially invited to attend this special day of Homecoming activities. The pastor of the Church is Rev. Clarence H. Davis.

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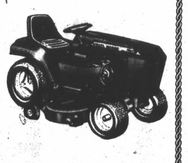
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In order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1980, you must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 1980.

You are hereby notified that the Registraiton Office of Appomattox County, located at the address shown below will be open for registration on Saturday, October 4, 1980 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of registering qualified persons.

You are further notified that I shall sit on Saturday, October 25, 1980 and Saturday, November 1, 1980 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the address shown below mainly for the purpose of accepting applications for absentee ballots for this General Election. November 1, 1980 is the last day on which such applications for absentee ballots may be made in person by qualified applicants for this General Election.

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Miss Regina Rae Riggsby

Miss Riggsby to wed Mr. Carson

Mr. and Mrs. Beager Riggsby of Harman announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Rae, to Clifton Carson, son of Mrs. George P. Carson of Appomattox and the late Mr. Carson.

She is a 1979 graduate of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg with a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation.

Mr. Carson is a 1978 graduate of Virginia Tech with a B.S. degree in agronomy. He is currently employed by the university as a soil scientist working with the Soil Conservation Service.

An open wedding is planned for October 11, 1980 at 2 p.m. in an outdoor setting at Breaks Interstate Park, Breaks, Va.

Terry Harris and Mary Mullins

Miss Mullins to wed Mr. Harris

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mullins of Appomattox wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Mullins to Terry Harris of Evergreen; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tandy W. Harris, Sr. of Evergreen.

Mary is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is beginning her second year at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg; she is employed by the Lynchburg Police Department.

Terry, a graduate of Appomattox County High School is beginning his third year at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg. He is employed by Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox.

A January wedding is planned.

Miss Pitsenberger weds Dr. Umstott

The marriage of Miss Sandra Jean Pitsenberger to Dr. Paul Thompson Umstott took place Saturday morning, Aug 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the Grace United Methodist Church in Newport News, Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Pitsenberger of Appomattox and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Umstott of Romney, West Virginia.

The Reverend Byron S. Hallstead, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her Uncle, Garnet T. Ward of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Kathy Preston of Hampton, Virginia was the matron of honor and Miss Dawn Pitsenberger of Appomattox was her sister's junior maid of honor.

Brad Nelson of Richmond, Virginia was best man and Todd Umstott, son of the groom, was junior attendant. Ushers were Dr. Charles Umstott of Newport News, brother of the groom, and Johnny Branner of Folks Run, Virginia.

After the ceremony, the mother of the bride entertained with an outdoor reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Umstott.

The bride, formerly of Harrisonburg, is a graduate of Appomattox High School and the Riverside School of Nursing at Newport News, Virginia. She recently graduated from the Medical College of Virginia as a Certified Nurse Anesthetist. Dr. Umstott graduated from the West Virginia School of Dentistry and is a graduate resident at the Medical College of Virginia pursuing a dual degree in Periodontics and Endodontics.

After a Carribean Cruise on the S. S. Norway, the couple will live in Richmond, Virginia.

Miss Susan Katherine Harris

Miss Harris will wed Mr. Boggs

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Harris, Sr. of Buckingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Katherine, to Danial Phillip Boggs, son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Boggs, of Covington, Virginia.

Miss Harris, is a 1978 graduate of Buckingham County High School and is presently employed as a secretary at Kyanite Mining Corporation, Dillwyn, Virginia.

Mr. Boggs is a 1976 graduate of Franklin County High School and is presently employed at Kyanite Mining Corporation, Dillwyn, Virginia.

An April 4 wedding is planned.

Miss Porton will wed Mr. Woodson

Mrs. Ann Nomecka Porton of Appomattox is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Susan Carol, to William Jeffrey Woodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter Woodson of Lynchburg.

Susan is also the daughter of the late Elton Francis Porton of Idabel, Oklahoma.

Miss Porton is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed by Thalhimers in Lynchburg. Mr. Woodson graduated from E. C. Glass High School and attended CVCC. He is employed by A. & P. Food Stores.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30 in the evening at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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ELIZABETH MICHELLE CARWILE, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ann Carwile of Pamplin, Virginia, was selected as finalist in the baby Miss Virginia Pageant, sponsored by the baby Miss America Pageant Productions, Inc. on August 31 at the Richmond Hyatt House, Richmond. In addition to a crown and trophy received for being chosen a finalist, Michelle brought home other trophies. She was winner of the overall fashion award; first place winner in swimsuit competition and second place in punctuality. Michelle was sponsored by Hampton Dodd Grain and Storage.

Shower honors Miss Layne

Entertaining in connection with the forthcoming marriage of Miss Gail Layne to Thomas H. Wheeler continued when Miss Layne was honored on Tuesday, September 9, 1980 with a linen shower given by Mrs. Patsy H. Pierce of Appomattox.

The honoree was presented a corsage of silk apricot flowers by the hostess and the wedding color of apricot was carried out in the decorations and on the serving table. Miss Layne received many nice and useful gifts.

The Layne-Wheeler wedding will be an event of Saturday, September 27, 1980 at 7 o'clock at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Miss Porton is honored at shower

Miss Susan Porton, bride-elect of Mr. Jeffrey Woodson was honored on August 23 with a miscellaneous shower.

Mrs. Michael Porton, hostess, presented her with a corsage of Shasta Daises.

The refreshment table was decorated in the bridal theme.

Among those attending were Mrs. Ann Porton, mother of the bride, Mrs. Jesse Guill, grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Carter Woodson, mother of the groom, Mrs. Garland Holt, grandmother of the groom and other relatives and friends.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, October 11.

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Families plan reunion

The Ayers and Daye families will hold a reunion at the WOW building in Appomattox on Sept. 21.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. All family members are urged to come and bring a covered dish.

WOW ladies slate meeting

W.O.W. Grove 6073 will have initation on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at W.O.W. Lodge Hall.

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